Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Many citizens of South Dakota use the Internet to keep in contact with family and friends, manage their finances, buy goods and services, and to receive the latest news; and,

Whereas, The primary and secondary schools of South Dakota use the Internet to enhance the education of our youth by providing them access to online educational and research materials; and,

Whereas, The use of information technology at institutions of higher education is integral in teaching and learning, research and discovery, and outreach and service; and,

Whereas, Public libraries provide access to networked computers, online databases, and other resources to the public; and,

Whereas, Businesses of South Dakota use information systems and networks to manage their businesses and to expand their customer reach; and,

Whereas, Critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, health care, and emergency response systems; and,

Whereas, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious attack by viruses and loss of privacy from spyware and adware; and,

Whereas, Each year, there are significant financial and personal privacy losses because of identity theft and fraud; and,

Whereas, There are national organizations such as the nonprofit National Cyber Security Alliance, policymakers, government agencies, private sector companies, and nonprofit entities helping consumers, businesses, educational leaders, and our youth to protect themselves online; and,

Whereas, Each one of us plays an important role in securing our cyberspace, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of South Dakota's information infrastructure and economy; and,

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, and the National Cyber Security Alliance have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 2008 as

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State